

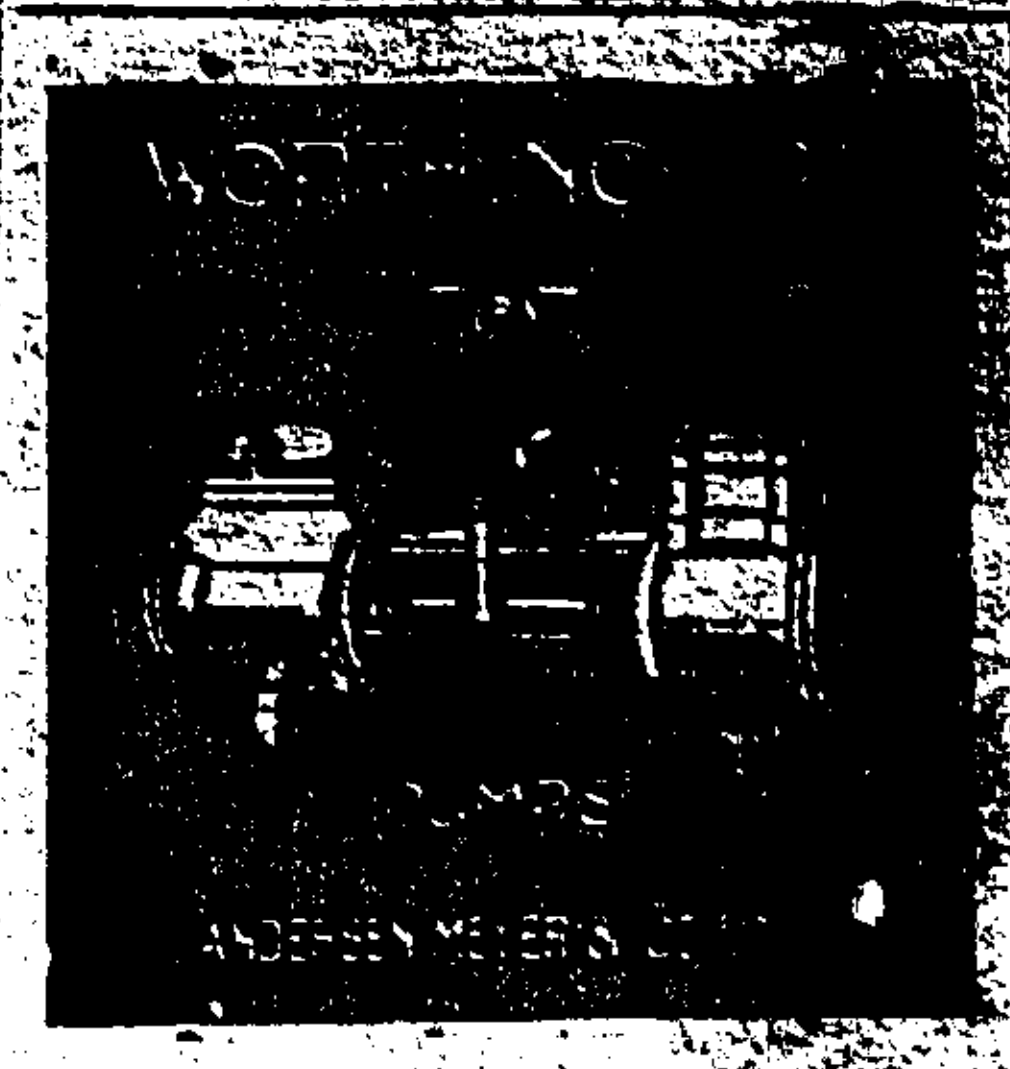


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## THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

### INFORMAL SINO-JAPANESE DISCUSSION ON SHANTUNG.

Awaiting Tokyo's Views on Naval Question.

(Reuter's Service.)

Washington, December 5. While the formal session of the Conference has been suspended until the 7th inst., informal discussions between groups of delegates have continued, the most important being the Sino-Japanese conversations in regard to Shantung.

No definite development in the naval negotiations is to be expected until the Japanese delegates receive the anticipated statement of views from their Government.

### Draft of Quadruple Entente Under Consideration.

Washington, December 5. It is definitely and authoritatively learned that the draft of a quadruple entente as a substitute for the Anglo-Japanese alliance is now being considered by the British, Japanese, American, and French Governments.

### President Harding's Precautionary Message.

The Washington newspapers report that President Harding, in the course of his annual Message to Congress, which reassembles on the 6th inst., will state that should the Conference fail he estimates that the United States should spend over \$300,000,000 on the Army and the Navy for the year ending June 30, 1923. This is \$50,000,000 less than for the current year, but far above the pre-war appropriations.

The message continues that the United States cannot greatly reduce its military and naval appropriations until all the Powers likewise agree. The revenue for 1923 is estimated at \$1,338,000,000 and expenditure at \$3,505,000,000 including war debt of \$370,000,000, the Navy \$432,000,000, and reduction of debt \$159,000,000.

## SINN FEIN'S REPLY.

### "A Reasoned Negative, Suggesting Certain Amendments."

London, December 5. The Sinn Fein reply to the Government's proposals cabled on the 2nd inst. were handed to the Government yesterday. It is described as a reasoned negative, suggesting certain amendments. Negotiations have not been broken off but the outlook is grave.

The King gave an audience to Mr. Lloyd George this morning and discussed at length the latest phase of the negotiations. A full meeting of the Cabinet was subsequently held.

[The previous message stated: The Sinn Fein envoys are on the way to Dublin carrying the final draft of the Cabinet's proposals, which are understood to comprise probably Dominion status for the twenty-six counties in the south and west, Ulster to have the option to apply for inclusion in an All-Ireland Parliament later, allegiance on the lines of the Dominions within the Empire, a commission to be established to determine the political and religious frontiers of Tyrone and Fermanagh, with power to decide on a plebiscite.]

### Important Modifications.

Later. Another meeting of the Anglo-Irish conference, lasting four and a half hours, was held to-day, when, it is understood, important modifications were made in the latest Government proposals, which the Sinn Feiners subsequently discussed privately.

## MARKS STILL FLUCTUATING.

### And Printing Press Still Operating.

London, December 5. German marks on London were quoted at 930. The Reichsbank's current note circulation amounts to M. 100,944,000,000, the increase for the week amounting to M. 4,430,000,000.

### International Monetary Conference Postponed.

London, December 5. The International Monetary Conference, which should have opened in London to-day to consider means of rehabilitating currencies, has been indefinitely postponed owing to developments at Washington. Besides Dr. Rathenau, of Germany, American and Australian delegates are actually in London.

## DEATH OF BRIGADIER-GENERAL PHILLIPS.

### A.D.C. to Former-Governor of the Colony.

London, December 5. The death has occurred of Brigadier-General G. F. Phillips, formerly Aide-de-Camp to the Governor of Hongkong. [Brigadier-General George Fraser Phillips, C.M.G., born 1863, joined the West Yorks in 1885 and in 1897 was appointed A.D.C. to the Governor of Hongkong (then Sir William Robinson). Subsequently he commanded the 2nd Batt. West Yorks. In 1913 he commanded the International force in the Balkans, and in 1914 he was with his battalion in France, afterwards filling several diplomatic-military offices.]

## THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS LOAN.

### Favourable Comment by the "Times."

London, December 5. Commenting upon the Straits Settlements loan, the Times emphasises the favourable financial position of the Straits and the Malay States Governments in recent years, and says that the contraction of revenues during the past year was inevitable in consequence of the acute depression in the rubber and tin industries; but this may be regarded merely as an incidental check, which will disappear as world trade revives.

## INQUIRY INTO LOSS OF DUTCH STEAMER.

### Alleged to Have Been Submerged by Germany.

The Hague, December 5. The International Commission of Inquiry into the loss of the Dutch steamer Tubantia, sunk in the North Sea on March 16, 1915 by, it is alleged, a German submarine opens in the Palace of Peace privately on January 18.

## DONATION FOR CHINESE STUDENTS IN FRANCE.

Paris, December 5. M. Gaston Meier has given F. 5,000 to relieve Chinese students in France who are distressed, especially owing to the collapse of the Banque Industrielle de Chine.

## LOCAL FIRMS TRICKED.

### Story of Many Frauds.

Hearing of the charge against a Singapore Chinese for obtaining goods by false pretences from a number of firms in the Colony was resumed by Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.

Mr. Leo D'Almada, representing Mr. A. G. Rocha in whose auction rooms some of the stolen goods were placed, said that the defendant came to Mr. Rocha immaculately dressed and bringing with him a typewriter and a copying press, and, as was usual in the case of Chinese customers, he was referred to the compradore. Defendant asked that the articles be sold either by auction or by private treaty. The press was eventually auctioned and the typewriter sold by private treaty. Mr. D'Almada added that he might also mention that the compradore had noticed the new appearance of the typewriter and had questioned defendant who said that he had opened a firm three months ago, but that it had failed and he was selling out. He also told the compradore that he had other furniture which he would bring along later to be similarly disposed of.

Lam Tui Kan, salesman of Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, gave evidence with regard to the two copying presses mentioned in the charges. He said that on October 18th, at about noon defendant came to the shop and presented an order for a copying press written on notepaper bearing the name of the Hongkong University. The signature "R. Stowell" attached to the order was not known to witness, but as the University notepaper was used, he thought that it was a bona fide one and suggested to defendant that he would send a coolie to deliver the press at the University. Defendant observed that time and trouble would be saved by his taking away the press in a ricksha. This was accordingly done, and witness heard nothing more of the transaction until eight or ten days later, when defendant again turned up at the shop and presented an order for another press on account of the University. A chit written on the University notepaper was again produced. It bore the same signature as the previous one. Witness referred defendant to Mr. Glover, Manager of Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, who accepted the order and delivered the second press to defendant.

Mr. A. E. Glover, said that according to his day book two presses were supplied on account of the University on the 18th and 28th October, respectively. A Chinese salesman of Messrs. Mostard and Company deposed to being spoken to by defendant with regard to the sale of a Remington typewriter on the 27th October last and delivering the machine whose number he specified to defendant. He made the suggestion of engaging a coolie of the firm to deliver the machine but that was waived by defendant who said he preferred to take it away in a ricksha. The typewriter was not paid for but was ordered on account of "Luzard Hall," Hongkong University. Its value was \$275, less 10 per cent. discount. Several days later defendant spoke to witness on the telephone giving an order for a second typewriter for the "Education Department," and requesting immediate delivery as it was wanted urgently. Defendant said: The man who was sent by defendant to take delivery of the second typewriter was referred to the Manager of the firm who read the order handed to him.

The evidence of other witnesses was taken and the case is being continued this afternoon. Messrs. Lane Crawford, Sincere and Wing On Companies are the other complainants in the case.

## COURT OF INQUIRY.

### Kowloon Matched Fire.

A Court of Inquiry was held this morning at the Military Hospital, Kowloon, to investigate and report on the fire which occurred in the matchboxes belonging to the Hospital on Nov. 30th.

It appears that the fire broke out shortly before a quarter past six on the morning of November 30th. Two matchboxes were involved and despite the efforts of the Kowloon Fire Brigade and military fire parties, they were soon reduced to ashes. Luckily the matchboxes were not being used for hospital wards at the time, as they were unfit for occupation by patients. They were being used as stores, and a number of Indians, who appear to have been asleep when the outbreak occurred, slept in one of them. According to an Indian who slept in one of the matchboxes, the fire originated in the middle of one of the sides. When the Indians awoke they immediately set to work to save their personal belongings. Then the alarm was given and the fire fighters arrived on the scene. All that now remains of the two sheds is a heap of ashes.

## EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

### MARSHAL JOFFRE.

Singapore, Dec. 5. Marshal Joffre arrived at Penang yesterday morning. After an official reception he motored through the town and lunched at the residence. He arrived at Singapore to-morrow.

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## ARBuckle RETRIAL FIXED.

### Women the Dissident Jurors.

San Francisco, December 5. The two jurors who voted for the conviction of Arbuckle are both women. One refused to consider the evidence and declared at the opening of the deliberations that she would not change her opinion "until hell froze." Arbuckle declares that the result is a moral acquittal. The retrial has been fixed for January 9.

## WILHELM TO REMARRY.

### Reported Engagement to Officer's Widow.

Berlin, December 5. The newspaper *Zukunft* asserts that the ex-Kaiser has decided to remarry, and has chosen the widow of a Danzig officer killed in the war.

## A RHINISH REPUBLIC.

### Reported Resolution of Inhabitants.

Paris, December 5. A Mayence message states that a Congress, including 534 delegates from all sections of the Rhinish population, met at Bonn and passed a resolution in favour of the proclamation of independent, neutral Rhinish Republic.—*Havas*.

## THE NEAR EASTERN QUESTION.

### Anglo-French Conference this Week.

Paris, December 5. According to reports from various sources Lord Curzon is expected in Paris this week, when, according to *Le Matin* he will have an opportunity to discuss with M. Briand joint policy as regards Turkey.—*Havas*.

## OBITUARY.

### Death of Dr. G. P. Jordan.

#### HONGKONG LOSES VALUED RESIDENT.

It is with the very deepest regret that we have to record the death of Dr. Gregory Paul Jordan, the telegraphic news of which was received in the Colony by Sir Paul Chater this morning. The news will come as a painful shock to very many residents of the Colony by whom Dr. Jordan was not only admired and esteemed but beloved.

It was only in April last that Dr. Jordan left the Colony on holiday with the best wishes of all. Owing to the very heavy work he had been called upon to perform in connection with the University and his own private practice he had experienced indifferent health for some time past, latterly becoming subject to heart attacks. On arriving in England he lived at 236 St. James Court, Buckingham Gate, and had been on holiday to Harrogate. A letter received by Sir Paul Chater yesterday spoke of Dr. Jordan being in very much better health, but a telegram received a day or two previously reported that the deceased had been taken with another heart attack and was seriously ill. The news received this morning came as a great blow to Sir Paul, who is an uncle of the deceased. It is surmised that death was due to heart failure.

To write fully of Dr. Jordan's life and of his association with Hongkong is indeed a difficult task, extending as that association does over thirty years and being identified with practically every local activity. Of a kindly disposition and possessed of a desire to assist in whatever public or private way he could, the late doctor was a prominent figure in all local circles and by his death Hongkong has lost one of its most valued residents. The appended is but an endeavour to place on record the main aspects of the deceased's career.

The late Dr. Gregory Paul Jordan, M.B., C.M. Ed., M.R.C.S. Eng., was born in India on February 5th, 1858. He was educated partly in India but mainly at Edinburgh University, graduating at the Edinburgh University in 1880 as Bachelor of Medicine and Master of Surgery. After having been in private practice at Home two years he was appointed Resident Surgeon of Dorset County Hospital, also studying in Paris under Professor Chassac at the Salpêtrière, in Vienna under Professor Albert and taking private study at Cambridge and St. Thomas's Hospital, London. In 1884 he was appointed a member of the Royal College of Surgeons. In 1885 the deceased first came to Hongkong to commence private practice, later founding the present firm of Jordan, Forsyth, Grove and Aubrey. Throughout the whole of his 36 years' stay in the Colony he had been identified with public life in one form or another.

In 1886 he was appointed Acting Colonial Surgeon—a position which would now correspond to that of Medical Officer of Health, and in May, 1888, was appointed Health Officer of the Port and Inspector of Emigrants, a position which he continued to occupy until last year when he retired—a period of 32 years.

In private practice he was beloved by all his patients but by none more than the Chinese. During the past two years he had found it increasingly difficult to attend to so many, but they remained determined to have him and when he protested that he had not the time they subscribed and purchased a motor car to enable him to visit his patients more quickly. This remarkable tribute speaks more eloquently than words of the place the deceased occupied among those with whom he was brought into contact. His work for Hongkong University.

In conjunction with Sir Patrick Manson and Sir James Cantlie, Dr. Jordan was one of the original founders of the Hongkong College of Medicine, on which institution

as a base the University has been founded, and of which latter, he was also one of the original members and founders. Dr. Jordan was Lecturer in Medicine of the Hongkong College of Medicine; and Lecturer and then Professor of Tropical Medicine in the University.

Dr. Jordan was instrumental in obtaining the donations of the three Medical Schools from the donors, the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, the Mr. Ho Kom Tong, and the late Mr. Chan Kai-Ming; and he succeeded in obtaining over \$30,000 from personal friends towards the furnishing of the Students' Union Building. The doctor was Pro-Vice-Chancellor from the date of foundation of the University, and Acting Vice-Chancellor from June 1918 to April of this year. He was thoroughly identified with the life and work of the foundation, being a member of the Council of the University, of the Court of the University, and of the Senate.

In the words of Sir Paul Chater, the late Acting Vice-Chancellor "was beloved by all the University students," and on the occasion of the inauguration of Sir William Brunsyde and the bestowal of the honorary degree of L.L.D. upon Prof. Jordan the students took possession of the latter's motor-car and dragged him to the Hongkong Club and the Hongkong Hotel amid every demonstration of enthusiasm.

### The Registrar's Tribute.

Mr. N. Teesdale Mackintosh, the Registrar of the University, who had long worked in daily contact with Dr. Jordan, was deeply affected when seen this morning, the loss coming as a personal bereavement. Only by the mail just to hand he had received a Christmas greeting card from Dr. and Mrs. Jordan.

In his reminiscences of his late Chief, Mr. Mackintosh related how Dr. Jordan had been, the heart and soul of the University. He was Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University from its foundation, and though never intended as the Vice-Chancellor he filled the gap in that office for nearly three years, a period of much strain and stress. It was the time when the University was being subjected to much hostile and unfounded criticism. Mr. Mackintosh was extensively engaged with Dr. Jordan in connection with the University Commission.

It was as the result of Dr. Jordan's recommendation that funds were granted to relieve the University from its embarrassed position, said the Registrar. Speaking of his relations generally with the doctor, Mr. Mackintosh said:—

"I shall never forget the great kindness I received from him. He was most patient and most courteous—indeed he was the most courteous man I was ever my lot to work with." "When Dr. Jordan took over the post of Acting Vice-Chancellor at an emergency," proceeded the Registrar, "the University was practically bankrupt, and it was through his efforts that the foundation was standing on its legs when handed over to his successor. During that period his exertions were very great and the strain undoubtedly aged him."

"The most remarkable feature of his administration," said Mr. Mackintosh, "was his influence with the students, whom he kept in a state of tranquillity and contentment at a critical time, when student riots were rife in India and Egypt. There were grounds for dissatisfaction on the part of the students, too, for at that time our equipment was very defective, but Dr. Jordan's personality was such that all friction with the students was avoided. As a matter of fact, a large proportion of the students had been brought into the world by the doctor when he was in private practice, and their attachment to him was uncommonly cordial. He was always seeking to do the most for the boys. His last act was to get the Union built for them out of the grant to the foundation, while the new medical buildings, for which he secured the funds, stand as a monument to his devotion to the University."

### As a Freemason.

The late Dr. Jordan was one of the most prominent men in

local Masonic circles. He was first initiated at Hongkong in 1879 in the Edinburgh St. Mary's Lodge, No. 9, Scottish Constitution. On coming to Hongkong he joined the Perseverance Lodge, of which he was a Past Master. In 1903 he was appointed Night Worthy District Grand Master Scottish Freemasonry, Hongkong, and South China, which office he held up to the time of his death. He was also District Grand P. L. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Hongkong and South China and was also District Grand Warden of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong, English Constitution. During his stay at Home he intended to visit Scotland on special business for the Scottish Constitution in Hongkong and was to have attended an important Masonic ceremony on St. Andrew's Day.

Other Activities. Dr. Jordan was in charge of the Alice Memorial Hospital from the time of its formation till it was amalgamated with the Netherdale Hospital. Whilst at Home in 1914 he offered his services to the Secretary of State for war purposes but, on account of advancing years, his offer was declined. On returning to Hongkong he was, in 1915, enrolled as Surgeon Major of the Hongkong Police Reserve later being appointed Surgeon Superintendent. He continued to serve the Force in this capacity until the signing of the peace and the disbanding of the Force in 1918.

Dr. Jordan held the unique position of being the senior Official Justice of the Peace in the Colony, his appointment dating back as far as October, 1886.

The deceased was an extremely keen supporter of the Hongkong Jockey Club and for a number of years had run his own stable under the style of "Mr. Medley." His colours were always popular and local racing circles will mourn the loss of an enthusiastic and true sportsman. He was interested in other local sports but his many duties prevented active participation.

It is interesting to recall that the late Dr. Jordan was presented to the Court of the late King, Edward when he was Home in 1902.

The deepest sympathy will be felt with the widow, who is now at Home. There are no children.

## News in To-day's New Advertisements.

"The Symbol of Sacrifice" is the No. 1 picture to-night at the Kowloon Theatre.—Page 12. Struthers and Dixon advise consignees of cargo of the arrival in part of the s.s. West Prospect.—Page 4.

The World Theatre is showing "Alma, where do you Live?" to-night.—Page 12.

There will be a Concert in Kowloon to-morrow night.—Page 4. The J. C. J. L. announce the arrival of the s.s. Oketerr. Consignees of cargo please note.—Page 5.

Toyland and Christmas Gifts for all at Whiteaways.—Page 3. There will be a meeting of creditors of the Ramro Steamship Coy Ltd. on December 17.—Page 4.

Motor Launch for Sale.—Page 4. Lost, an ivory and lace fan at St. Andrew's Ball.—Page 4.

Miss Dorothy Stobart of London will sing at the City Hall on December 15.—Page 4. Messrs. Arratoon V. Appear & Co. have removed their office to Des Voeux Road.—Page 4.

## To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 7½d.

## The Weather.

2 p.m. Barometer—30.09 Temperature—70. Humidity—61.

## Lighting-Up Time.

Lighting up time to-day, 5.30 p.m.



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## THE DANTE CENTENARY.

## Concert and Lecture at the Theatre Royal.

What might be considered as the public celebration in Hongkong of the sixteenth century of the death of the great Italian Catholic epic poet, Dante Alighieri, took place at the Theatre Royal last night when a concert and lecture were promoted by the Catholic community. The happy thought of paying tribute to Italy's greatest poet was first inspired by an Encyclical letter published by the Pope on the 30th April last and addressed to all the Professors and pupils of the Catholic Institutes throughout the world.

There was a large and distinguished audience amongst whom were H. E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs, the Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University and Lady Brunsate, Officers of the Army and Navy and many Consular representatives.

The theatre, particularly the stage, had been most artistically decorated with evergreens and flowers, red and white predominating, and presented a most pleasing appearance. Prominently displayed in the background was a painting of the famous poet.

A very interesting musical programme was submitted, the items being exceptionally well rendered and all were received with marked appreciation by the large audience.

The orchestra of the Sociedade Philharmonica, conducted by Professor F. Gonzales, opened the proceedings with a splendid selection, followed by a song, "Cielo e Mar," Op. 1a Gioconda (Ponchielli), by Mr. E. G. D'Aquino, whose fine tenor voice was heard to great effect. A suite for two pianos by Louis Aubert, "Minuet," "Hercule," and "Air de Ballet," finely interpreted by Miss Elfrida Osmond and Professor Danenberg, met with deserved recognition, after which His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni introduced Mr. G. P. de Martin, M.B.E., B.A., who delivered a most interesting lecture on Dante.

At the conclusion of the lecture the musical programme was continued, the "Nightmares," Lyric Orchestra, under the direction of Rev. Fr. A. Riganti, offering "Cavalleria Rusticana" (Mascagni). Prof. F. Gonzales gave a well-rendered violin solo entitled "Souvenir de Moscow" (Weinawsky), at the conclusion of which the Orchestra of the Sociedade Philharmonica played Wagner's Tannhauser.

A Timely Message.

At the conclusion of the first part of the programme, His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni, in introducing the lecturer, said: "Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen: As Chairman of the Committee, I have to thank you for helping to make our Dante celebration a success by your presence here to-night. Having in view the reason for this gathering it is particularly gratifying to me to note how truly this audience is representative of all sections of our very cosmopolitan community. We are peculiarly grateful to His Excellency the Governor, the head of that community, whose presence shows that, in addition to his daily watchful concern for our material well-being, he shares also in our literary and artistic interests. I cannot express my thanks individually to each section of the community which is represented here this evening, but I must especially thank those members of the Consular Body who enable us by their presence to produce that international sympathy which has been one of the most striking features in this year's celebrations in large communities.

An assembly such as this is indeed congruous with the occasion, for Dante is par excellence the "Catholic" poet. He belongs to all humanity just as his poetry has a message for all time. He is the poet of Religion and of the Destiny of man. With wonderful allegories he has embodied in his poem Catholic Philosophy and Divinity, as taught by his great contemporary, the angelic doctor, clothing the crude scientific phraseology of the scholastics in a venture of most brilliant poetry. In a stupendous drama, in which the whole history of the world is presented in its relation to the order of Divine Providence, he sets forth the Destiny of Man—the fallen man who is punished in Hell, the repenting sinner who is purified in Purgatory, the Saint who is triumphant in Heaven.

And the praise or condemnation of virtues or vices are so recorded as to be a living edification for all future generations, pointing out to all the sure means to obtain the grace to practice the former and avoid the latter. Reading his poetry one learns never to despair but to seek always after a better life and a

better world. Here is the message he left for all ages:

"Seek peace and equity; seek peace through justice and despair not; as I have never despaired."

Surely that is a timely message for these days of strife. On your behalf, Ladies and Gentlemen, I take this opportunity to express our thanks to all those who have so kindly undertaken the various items of our programme. But I stand between you and Mr. de Martin who is to address you. He is better fitted than I to interpret for you the meaning, the spirit, the message of Dante. I now call upon Mr. de Martin, and in anticipation of your wishes thank him for so kindly preparing an address which I am sure we shall hear with pleasure and recall with delight.

Dante's Life.

Mr. G. P. de Martin, who was received with applause, during the course of his lecture, which was listened to by the large audience with rapt attention throughout, said that it would not at this time of day, be easy for anyone to add to the fame of Dante, but on the other hand the glory of the great Florentine was such that it could not be dimmed by imperfect appreciation either of the full purport of what he had to say to humanity or of the beauty of the medium in which he delivered his message.

The lecturer dealt interestingly with the chief events of Dante's life, the age in which he lived and the political state of Italy. He considered that the level of culture on the shores of the Mediterranean, in the Italian cities and especially in Florence had, until recent years, been considerably underestimated. The dazzling glitter of the Italian Renaissance had for too long blinded men's eyes to the solid achievements of the Middle Ages. Of Dante's boyhood, though much had been written, little was truly known. On reaching manhood he was enrolled in the Guild of Apothecaries; not that he was either a doctor or a chemist, but the entry to public life was by way of the guilds apart from membership of which no one had any civil status at all. This was a survival of the old struggle between the Florentine citizens and the feudal baronies with which the city was at one time surrounded.

In 1295, Dante entered public life. Although it was an unfortunate time when civil discord was more than usually prevalent in the never very harmonious political life of Florence, it was unlikely that he would ever have been successful in the field of practical politics. As Prior in 1300, he made enemies who took advantage of his absence on a special mission to Rome to effect his overthrow and exile.

Dante found himself in strange company among the Italian exiles. There could not have been much sympathy between the poet and the swabbling Ghibelline lords among whom he found himself at Arezzo; their only remaining stronghold in Tuscany. His appeal to the Emperor Henry VII. to restore peace among the organised anarchy of the Italian communities further offended the Florentines who, with their long hatred of Imperial interference, would not be likely to look kindly upon one of their own citizens who had appealed over their heads to their traditional enemy, the emperor from the barbarous lands on the other side of the Alps.

Dante's Exile.

The lecturer proceeded briefly to refer to the years of Dante's exile, the tale of which, he thought, would never be completely told. It was in the last years when he reached the very zero of his worldly career that his soul soared to the zenith of its achievement. When all that the world had to offer him was worthless he gave it in return treasures of priceless value. It was in those years that, from the lowest depths, he produced the Divine Comedy. Dante died on September 14, 1321, and was buried at Ravenna. He had been exiled from his beloved city. He had been banished by his pride from the genial company of other men. This was not all. The very words he wrote, the thoughts he had conceived had yet to be buried unread in an oblivion of about 300 years. This neglect might be attributed partly to the linguistic fastidiousness of the literati of the Italian Renaissance, who in their new-born zeal for the classical periods of Greece and Rome, had no regard for a composition which both in form and subject matter was essentially medieval.

Also if the poet of medievalism was shut out by the so-called "new learning," the door was bolted and barred by the new religion upon the part of Catholic Christendom.

But more prejudicial still, arising from moral and spiritual causes—was the movement away from the supernatural towards the natural, which touched the very depth in the latter part of the fifteenth century. Dante unlocked the secrets of another world. The poetic sceptics of the 16th century professed to be shocked at Dante's irreverence.

"We are not now shocked at this irreverence," the lecturer said, "but we shudder at the prospect that he had to undergo." He was granted no merciful sudden vision on the road to Damascus, but bitterly, wearily he had to find his way back to the pure promise of his youth. He had been ambitious to shine in the political life of his city—he became an outlaw. All his life he was "super-sensitive" and was compelled for the greater part of it to live on what was little better than the aims of uncomprehending charity not unminged with contempt.

The Divine Comedy.

The lecturer dealt at length with the Comedy—an epic poem, but also a historical document of remarkable importance. It was a series of vivid pictures, but the work of one well-versed in theology, though it contained an accurate record of the world's knowledge of the natural sciences in the age when it was written. It was a quarry for the lover, the poet or the student. High above all brooded the cold spirit of Catholic dogma. It recorded an epoch in the life of what, in the opinion of the lecturer, was the most interesting community that had ever existed. It was the very nucleus of the most beautiful European language of to-day—"the first words Italy had said." And not only had Dante garnered for us the gold of Italy and coined it into the language which was to some degree current in the cultivated circles of all civilised countries, but it had been the fountainhead of all that art and song which made Italy the fosterland of every man or woman with any pretensions to literary or artistic taste. He deeply influenced not only the literature and poetry that came after him but even the painting and kindred arts whose achievements remain the standards and criteria of the artistic world at the present day.

"It is impossible," the lecturer proceeded, to attempt any consideration of Dante's poetry without reference to the time in which it was written, for in the Comedy the Middle Ages are—to quote Carlyle—"rendered rhythmically visible," their ideals and their philosophy lie open before us, their faith, their weaknesses, their grandeur. The architecture and poetry of the time still hold their proud place. Its sublime philosophical treatise, once vainly thought to be relegated to the "lost heap," is still the resource of thousands of students in all parts of the world. But if it had not been for Dante, the intangible ethos of the time would have been lost for ever. Like some medieval Noë he has stored for us the ideals and aspirations of a whole civilisation; at the culminating moment of its vigour, and himself adrift upon the waters of neglect, has carried them safely through days when that civilisation and all that it had achieved and all that it stood for seemed likely to be overwhelmed for ever by a deluge of materialistic philosophy."

Mr. de Martin did not think it altogether a fanciful idea that owing to the diversity of the appeal of Dante's poetry, no two persons come away from reading it with quite the same idea of what they have read. No one at the present day would venture to say that he quite understood all that Dante intended to convey. What Dante would have called the *quidditas* of the Comedy must remain a secret to those who live in these days. But there were one or two features that loomed so large that they could not escape the observation of anyone who had the smallest acquaintance with the works of Dante.

"In the very first place, high above all, subject as well as sovereign inspiration of the whole is the undiluted dogma of the Catholic Faith. And then there is—what is, after all, but the profound aspect of the same thing—Dante's strong sense of the solidarity of mankind. Coleridge had defined wisdom as the possession of common sense in an uncommon degree. One of the lessons we can learn from Dante's common sense is that the things that knit human society together are more elemental and should, therefore, when free play is given to their action, be more powerful than the secondary and usually artificial causes which tend to split it up

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into discordant groups. This same year of the Dante sixcentenary is the one hundredth since the death of Napoleon. Napoleon was "as great as anyone can be without virtue," but the world today is too war-tired to praise a man who must for ever be identified with military exploits. He will, of course, never disappear from history, but does it not seem as if his name has been relegated to the pages of the world's records and obliterated from the minds of men where there are still niches for humbler folk? The great emperor from a very high mountain looked down, down upon the kingdoms of the earth and the glory of them. Dante Alighieri, treading a lowlier path, looked up towards the kingdom of heaven. Let us hope it is not too optimistic to read into the international unanimity of the sixcentenary celebrations a tendency to look up with the poet rather than down with the emperor, to reject the gospel of greed and force and try to realise something of the solidarity of humanity."

In his concluding remarks Mr. de Martin said he had not attempted to go very far below the surface of his subject; still less had he tried to explain. He amused his audience with the story of the little girl who was studying history at home. "Mother, I think I should understand it only you wouldn't explain."

"Only a very bold man," he said, "would dare to attempt a definition of greatness, but we all admit that one note is never lacking from the recognition of greatness, the quality whatever it is intrinsically, it may be, and that is its ratification by the people of other days and other races, by those who live in a different age, who do not share the same history or speak the same language. Even in our own time, when we want to know of a man that he is distinguished above the ordinary, we say that he has an international reputation, that his work will stand for all

time. This year few places which can muster up any literary enthusiasm at all have failed to contribute their share in the recognition of one who, though primarily an Italian, is now regarded by us all as a common ornament of the human intellect. The Pope has called upon Catholics throughout the world to take part in these literary demonstrations. Italy, naturally, has been foremost in their promotion. But from North to South, from East to West, in the new world as well as in the old, and even in the very old, the sixcentenary has been celebrated by men and women of all creeds, and races."

In its small way this little island community had contributed its part in the chorus, and though literary and artistic interests did not loom very large in Hongkong life, the large audience which assembled in the theatre showed that they were not wholly indifferent to such things. (Applause.)

The proceedings concluded with the singing of the National Anthem. The Celebration Committee under the Chairmanship of Bishop Pozzoni was composed of the Presidents of the Club Lusitano, Catholic Union, Catholic Men's Club, and Club de Recreio in the persons of Messrs. A. B. Silva Netto, J. D. Osmond, W. G. F. Gibben, and E. V. M. B. de Sousa, respectively. C. F. Lubatti and Chas. Po-Slen. A word of praise is due to the Decoration Committee composed of Messrs. J. M. Gomes, M. P. Baptista, and H. M. B. Baptista, who showed great taste and originality in transforming the theatre into the temple of the sixcentenary. The music and programme were in the capable hands of Mr. G. P. de Martin, who took the onerous task of arranging the programme with a light touch.

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## THE GOLF CLUB.

## Annual General Meeting.

The annual General Meeting of members of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club was held last evening at the City Hall. There was a good attendance.

Mr. E. J. Grist, president, and members of Committee with him were: Messrs. T. W. Hill, A. E. Stewart, R. M. Smith, L. S. Greenhill and J. B. Ross (Hon. Secretary).

Prior to the annual meeting an extraordinary general meeting was held, to confirm amendments to the Articles of Association which were approved at an extraordinary general meeting on November 9th.

The Chairman remarked that as the meeting was fully reported in the press and he had no doubt all the members were acquainted with the proposed alterations to the Articles of Association and the reasons therefor, he did not think it was necessary to do more than propose them for confirmation.

Mr. L. S. Greenhill seconded and the motion was carried.

## The Chairman's Speech.

The business of the annual general meeting was then proceeded with.

The Chairman said: I think you will agree with me that we should congratulate ourselves on the result of the year's working. The Hon. Secretary has devoted an enormous amount of time and energy to the affairs of the Club and the Sub-Committees and the Treasurers have gone into things very thoroughly, and, under the system now in vogue, there can be little room for wastage or leakage.

Our chief endeavour, during the past few years, has been to reduce the Bank overdraft which had reached such an alarming figure. You will notice the Bank overdraft and accounts payable now amount to \$22,498.93, made up of:—Bank Overdraft, \$15,942.76; Accounts payable, \$6,556.17; as against last year \$42,616.18, a reduction of \$20,120.25. Under the heading of Working Account it will be seen that, owing to our growing membership, subscriptions show an increase of over \$14,000 and the income from green fees has been doubled.

On the debit side of the account, maintenance at Fanling shows an increase. This is due to the replacing of crockery, blankets, etc., and the installation of a new battery in the Club house. The cost of sanding the greens in September has been charged to the year under review although it could very properly be carried forward and charged to next year. We will now turn to profit and loss account and you will observe that the cost of the Fanling Water Works, which stood in our books at \$8,530, has been completely written off. Entrance fees are not now considered part of the profit but are shown as a separate item and paid into a special account with the Bank. Our thanks are due to Sir N. J. Stubb, Messrs. L. N. Lefe, G. C. Moxon and G. S. Archbutt for Debentures presented to the Club. (Applause).

During the past year we have endeavored to have, as Convener of each Sub-Committee, a member who had special qualifications to look after our interests in that particular Department. A new Sub-Committee has been formed during the year—the Finance Committee—which, I think, will prove of great assistance to the General Committee who can always turn to that Committee for expert opinion on any matter in which finance is concerned.

The matter of rebuilding a suitable club house at Fanling has been engaging the attention of the Building Sub-Committee. The present building stands in our books at \$41,015.16. The opinion is that, apart from being too small to meet the wants of members, it is in need of extensive repairs. The Building Sub-Committee consider that it would not be advisable to add to or renovate the present building and recommended the building of a new Club-house. The Finance Committee are of opinion that, at the present rate of income and expenditure, we should be in a position to do this in three years' time.

We feel much indebted to the Standard Oil Company of New York for publishing and presenting to each member of the Club a book containing the revised Rules of Golf and local Rules and By-laws. This has supplied a long felt want and I trust that members will help the management of the Club by acting in accordance with the rules and regulations.

I would remind members that, in future, all complaints and suggestions of any kind whatsoever should be made direct to the Con-

venor of the Sub-Committee concerned.

## Fanling Courses.

The condition of these Courses reflects great credit of the Green Committee, the Hon. Ground Secretary and the Superintendent. (Applause). The fairways improve as years go on and the greens were never better than they are now. This is due to the liberal use of sand so strongly advocated by Mr. Forrest. "Sand, mair sand" was his advice and I am sure he is delighted with the result. Then we are using water sprinklers which are so necessary during the dry season and are proving a great success.

On the old course the second and tenth greens have been raised and returned. It was found impossible to keep them in good condition owing to the shallow nature of the soil. This has been remedied and they should be in good condition by next season.

The drains at the seventh hole (The Bog) have been covered in, and as the fairway is much improved, there should be no more complaints of balls being lost at this point.

As the fourteenth hole on the New Course was frequently unplayable owing to the proximity of a spring, a new green has been made on higher ground which makes the approach shot a sporting one.

Mr. Hill and Mr. Kerr have not spared themselves during the past season and they must be proud of the result of their efforts. (Applause).

The House and Building Sub-Committees have been considering the comfort of members in the Club-house. Slight alterations are being made which allow for greater space in the dining room and make the bar more private. A caddy-master's house is being built and will contain lockers. This should prove of great convenience to members.

While on the subject of Fanling, I should like to remark on how much we appreciate the services of Mr. and Mrs. Kerr. Those of us who are in close touch with the management of the Club are struck with the manner in which Mr. Kerr has supervised the making of paddy fields into the Golf Courses of which we are so proud, and that, of course, in a great measure accounts for the personal pride he takes in their conditions. (Applause).

## Deep Water Bay Course.

I am sure we have all noticed the improvements which have been made, both on the Course and at the Club-house.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Austin for the trouble he has taken over the building of the new verandah. Those of us who have had any experience of building on the other side of the island can understand the many difficulties with which he had to contend. (Applause).

We have been fortunate in obtaining from the Government the necessary permission to allow the Electric Company to supply us with power. I am sure the installation of electric light and fans has been greatly appreciated.

Owing to the position of the Course, there is no possibility of extension to prevent the present overcrowding, and the Sub-Committee considered all they could do was to make it as safe as possible. A few alterations have been effected, the chief of which has been removing of the undergrowth to the left of the fourth fairway. Ladies perhaps do not always find their tee shots lying well at this hole, but it is hoped to improve the fairway during the next wet season.

On the suggestion of members two "mat" tees have been introduced and have proved more or less satisfactory. If members desire it, the incoming Committee might order one for each tee.

The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird has been good enough to present us with distance boards for each tee.

The Committee has recognised that this Course is a great asset to the Club, and has endeavored to meet the requirements of members in every way possible.

There has always been great danger on the roadway owing to cars stopping in front of the ninth green. The Captain-Superintendent of Police has interested himself in the matter, and we feel greatly indebted to him for the new arrangement.

## Happy Valley Course.

The past year has seen a very important change at Happy Valley. Some months ago the Committee found themselves in a quandary, on being informed by our good friends, the Stewards of the Jockey Club, that the premises in which they have so kindly housed the Golf Club

ever since the fire were required by them. This has, however, proved a blessing in disguise, and, if we could obtain more playing facilities from the Recreation Grounds Committee, there are some of us of opinion that the course would regain the popularity it enjoyed in pre-Fanning days.

Owing to the lack of support from members during the last few years, the Committee did not feel justified in considering the building of a Club-house. The Stewards of the Jockey Club again came to our assistance and offered to house us in the end block of the row of new stands at a nominal rent of one dollar per annum. (Applause) Needless to say, we accepted the offer.

The present comfortable Club-house you have is evidence of the energy of the Happy Valley Sub-Committee. I would specially mention the names of Mr. L. S. Greenhill and Mr. A. K. Henderson in this connection. (Applause).

The Committee is pleased to hear that the only complaint made is that the accommodation is rather small. The remedy lies with the members themselves, who should roll up in their hundreds so that the erection of a Club-house of our own would be justified. If the Course continues to be as popular as it has been during the past few months, that day is not far distant.

Gentlemen, I will now propose that the Report and Accounts for the year ended September 30th be passed and when this has been seconded they will be open to discussion.

## The Fame of Fanling.

Sir William Rees Davies seconded the resolution. He remarked that the Club was to be congratulated on the Report. A Report which showed a profit balance on Working Account of \$33,000 must be regarded as highly satisfactory. Fanling was one of the Colony's greatest assets; its fame was widely read. Into whatever part of the world one went, one heard of the great Golf Course at Fanling. In possessing such a splendid course the Club was greatly indebted to the members of Committee for their hard work. (Applause).

The Report and Accounts were then adopted.

## Extra Subscription to Be Continued.

The Chairman proposed a resolution continuing the additional subscription of \$2 a month for a further period of three months. He mentioned that when this resolution was passed last year, after the finances of the Club had been carefully gone into, it was intended that the increased subscription should continue until the matter could be brought up again at a general meeting in two years' time; but the fact that the annual general meeting could not be held until after the expiry of the financial year and that the increased subscription would cease before it could be brought up for consideration was lost sight of. For this reason, and in view of the likelihood of the necessity of continuing the extra subscription, he proposed the resolution.

Mr. Justice Gompertz seconded. He thought that on the Chairman's explanation it was clearly "up to" members to support the Committee in this temporary extension.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

## Election of Officers.

The Chairman said he had very much pleasure in proposing Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen as President of the Club. (Applause). Mr. R. Hancock seconded and the resolution was carried.

The Chairman proposed Mr. T. W. Hill as Captain. (Applause). Mr. A. E. Stewart seconded, and said that Mr. Hill was an old member of the Club, a keen golfer and one who had done a great deal of work for the Club. A better man for Captain could not be chosen. The resolution was carried.

The Chairman then proposed Mr. J. B. Ross as Hon. Secretary and thanked him for his very great services during the past year. Mr. Greenhill seconded and the resolution was carried with applause.

The names of Messrs. H. P. Winlow and P. Tester were added to the list of nominations for Committee, and the ballot was taken. Major Egnall and Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson acting as scrutineers. The results of the election were announced later as follows:

Mr. A. B. Stewart, Mr. R. M. Smith, Mr. L. S. Greenhill, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Mr. R. D. Crawford Morgan, Mr. E. K. Henderson, Mr. W. E. Roberts, Mr. F. Bevington and Mr. R. Hancock. There were seven spoiled papers.

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the Club, said that all the time and energy he could spare would be devoted to furthering its interests and the welfare of members.

He continued: "Members will all regret, as much as the Committee does, the retirement of Mr. Grist from the Committee, after almost uninterrupted service since the inception of the Club. (Applause). Most of you know, but only those on the Committee know fully, the extent of the services Mr. Grist has rendered to the Club. Of its working before the opening of Fanling I have very little knowledge; but we all know that Mr. Grist was one of the pioneers of Fanling and has brought it through many difficulties to its present happy position. In the early days he and others, including Mr. Hallifax, frequently spent weeks on end at Fanling, when there were not the comforts and conveniences of the present, and there are now, supervising and organising the laying out of the courses, with the success you now see. Mr. Grist always believed in looking ahead, and I think we all now realise how far-sighted he and those associated with him were in incurring expenditure without which we should not have anything approaching the magnificent courses we now have; and, moreover, not half the number of members would have been able to play over the course, which, even now, are taxed to the fullest extent. Mr. Grist is already a life member of the Club and we cannot do him any further honour; but I hope you will show your appreciation in the usual manner by a hearty round of applause. The meeting warmly responded. The Chairman returning thanks.

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"WEST PROSPECT" having arrived from San Francisco and Los Angeles via

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Consignees of cargo must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports & Exports, Hongkong, before Delivery Orders will be issued.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns, where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on Dec. 12th 1921, by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke.

All claims must be presented within 10 days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be recognised after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered after Dec. 12th, 1921, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading in exchange for Delivery Orders immediately.

STRUTHERS & DIXON, INC. Agents for

U. S. Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation, Hongkong, 5th December, 1921.

## HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

## NOTICE.

Shareholders in THE STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY LIMITED entitled to an allotment of shares in The Hongkong Hotel Company Limited are requested to forward their claims to the undersigned as soon as possible.

H. V. BEAUREPAIRE, Secretary, Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.

## A FREE LECTURE on

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE by John C. Lathrop, C.S.B.

(of Brookline, Mass., Member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass., will be delivered in the City Hall

(Chamber of Commerce Room), Thursday, December 8th., at 5.30 p.m.

All are cordially invited to attend.

## NATIONAL LOANS.

Bondholders are hereby notified that the Fourth Drawing of the 3rd. Year Loan (\$2,750,000, and the Eighth Drawing of the 7th. Year Issue of Short Term Bonds (\$4,300,000) will be held, as announced by the Loan Bureau of the Ministry of Finance, in Peking on 1st and 10th December respectively and that payment of drawn bonds will be made on 31st December.

Bonds of the 1st Year 6% Loan (converted issue) which were drawn on 10th November last, amounting to \$2,719,614.41 will be redeemed on 1st December next, and the interest coupon \$1,531,768.84 will be paid on same date.

The interest coupon on the 3rd Year Loan, 7th Year Short Term Bond Issue and the 7th Year Long Term Bonds due on 31st December next will be paid on 31st December.

F. A. AGLEN, Inspector General of Customs, Inspectorate General of Customs, Peking, 21st November, 1921.

## THURSDAY'S CONCERT.

An Attractive Programme.

The concert to be given in the Theatre Royal on Thursday night by Mr. Harry Ore, V. Van Onderwijzer and Mrs. Bowes-Smith promises to be a real musical feast and will doubtless meet with the cordial support deserved by such talented artists. At the last concert, given in St. Andrew's Hall, a big audience was enthusiastic in its appreciation. As will be seen by the programme given below a varied and popular selection has been made.

1. Prologue 'dell' Opera I Pagliacci (Leoncavallo), Mr. Onderwijzer.

2. (a) Gavotte (Beethoven-Auer), (b) Ballade (Chopin), Mr. Harry Ore.

3. (a) Unmindful of the Roses, from the "Sorrow Songs" (Coleridge-Taylor), (b) The Blind Plover (Coningsby Clarke), (c) Down in the Forest (Landon Ronald), (d) "Love, I have won" (Landon Ronald), Mr. Onderwijzer.

4. (a) Hindou Song (Bemberg) and (b) Snowflakes (Mallinso), Mrs. Bowes-Smith.

5. (a) Air dans l'Opera La Traviata (Verdi) (b) Chanson du torero dans l'Opera "Carmen" (Bizet), Mr. Onderwijzer.

6. (a) The Sea (Palmer), (b) The "Now is dancing" (Debussy), (c) Valse "Faus" (Gounod-Liszt), Mr. Harry Ore.

7. Pensee d'Automne (Massenet), (b) Jojo's Lullaby (Mann), (c) Nocturne (Hulbrook), Mr. Onderwijzer.

8. Duo de Noldas et Silvio dans l'Opera Paillasse (Leoncavallo), Mrs. Bowes-Smith and Mr. Onderwijzer.

## THEFT OF ACETYLENE.

## Portuguese Clerk Imprisoned.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistrate's Court yesterday Daniel Jesus, a clerk employed by the Far Eastern Oxygen and Acetylene Company, was charged with the theft of \$34.59, the money of the Company, and with stealing five cylinders of oxygen from 122, Praya East, on November 17th. Ah Wong, the proprietor of an engineering shop in Whitfield, Causeway Bay, was charged with receiving stolen cylinders.

Mr. M. H. Turner prosecuted on behalf of the Far Eastern Oxygen and Acetylene Company. Ah Wong was represented by A. H. Crow.

The first accused pleaded guilty to the second charge.

Outlining the case, Mr. Turner said that the Far Eastern Oxygen and Acetylene Company supplied, among other things, cylinders of oxygen and acetylene which were used for welding purposes by ship-ping and engineering companies. The company had a factory at Kennedy Town in which the cylinders were made and filled with oxygen or acetylene, and a godown at 122, Praya East. Customers who required oxygen or acetylene would be supplied by Mr. Geoffrey, the Hongkong Manager, with delivery orders signed by him, which, when presented to the godown keeper in Praya East, would entitle the bearers to obtain the number of cylinders endorsed on the delivery. Recently, in consequence of information, Mr. Geoffrey has reason to believe that the first defendant had delivered cylinders of oxygen and acetylene either without delivery orders issued by the office or in excess of the number stated in delivery orders, and therefore arranged with Inspector Blackman to have a detective placed on watch outside his godown. On the morning of the 17th, a Chinese detective on watch saw two coolies arrive with a truck upon which were placed five cylinders, two of oxygen and three of acetylene, which had been removed from the godown. The detective did not speak to the coolies but followed them. The truck stopped outside defendant's engineering shop into which the coolies shouldered two of the cylinders. On being questioned by the detective, the coolies said they had orders from a Portuguese clerk to wheel the truck. A woman in the shop was also questioned by the police officer and she denied that she had bought the oxygen. Defendant then came downstairs and on being asked said he had only ordered one cylinder. On the 16th, continued Mr. Turner, when the second accused placed an order for a cylinder of oxygen with the company's firm, Mr. Geoffrey asked him if he wanted acetylene. Defendant said he did not require acetylene because he still had a large quantity in his shop. The second defendant had had dealings with the Far Eastern Oxygen and Acetylene Company previously in oxygen.

Mr. Turner's outline was borne out by Mr. Henri Edmond Jean Geoffrey, who said that in welding it was necessary to have both oxygen and acetylene on the 16th. He informed the police that he heard five cylinders of oxygen would be delivered to defendant the following morning.

On the morning of the 17th, after company with Sergeant Kelly, he visited Ah Wong's shop and there found two of the cylinders in the work-shop and the remainder lying outside the door. Witness saw the first defendant standing at the door of 122, Praya East, which he passed on his way to Ah Wong's work shop, but when he returned to his office defendant was not in the godown and he did not see him again until he was arrested. No one had authority to remove cylinders from the godown without delivery orders.

Mr. Crow, to witness: In your evidence you gravely misstated a fact and that is that mentioned to the Inspector at the Station that he five cylinders of oxygen and acetylene were going to Ah Wong's shop. You never stated that to the Inspector.

Witness: I had not said it to the Court, I said that five cylinders were leaving the godown.

Mr. Turner said his client was quite willing to withdraw the statement.

## THEATRE ROYAL

## GRAND CONCERT.

DANIEL ONDERWIJZER (Baritone)

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One of the coolies to whom Mr. Turner referred deposed that he was engaged by the first defendant. Dealing with the first defendant in the second charge the Magistrate asked Mr. Turner how long the accused had been in the Far Eastern Oxygen and Acetylene Company's service.

Mr. Turner: Six or seven months.

In reply to his Worship Inspector Blackman said the police had nothing against the accused.

The Magistrate: He has been through my hands before.

Inspector Blackman: We have nothing against him.

Addressing defendant, his Worship said: You have pleaded guilty to stealing five cylinders.

Defendant: Four, your Worship.

Mr. Turner said he accepted the plea. The value of the contents in the cylinders was approximately \$100.

On being asked if he had anything to say, defendant said: It is not myself who is in it. The second defendant has a share. He combined with me the previous day when he asked me to supply him with five cylinders of oxygen and acetylene. The Magistrate said that seeing defendant's age was 54 he would deal with him leniently. He sentenced defendant to three months' hard labour.

Daniel Jesus was then called upon to give evidence against the second defendant by the prosecutor. Examined by Mr. Turner he said his friendship with Ah Wong started long ago. On November 15th, he was requested by Ah Wong to supply him clandestinely with three cylinders of acetylene and one of oxygen at the price of \$15 each, and not to mention the

transaction to Mr. Geoffrey. The ruling price of each cylinder was about \$22. He agreed. Defendant then told him that he would obtain a delivery order for one cylinder from the office and arranged with witness that the four cylinders be delivered on the same morning when the purpose of the delivery order was executed. At 4 p.m. on the 16th, he received a delivery order for one cylinder of oxygen from Ah Wong. In pursuance of the arrangement, witness on the evening of the 16th, instructed two coolies to remove five cylinders from the godown in the morning and gave them a pass so that they would escape interference by the watchman of the godown. The godown was opened daily by the watchman at 6.30 in the morning. On the morning of the 17th, the five cylinders had already been taken out before he arrived at the godown. The proceeds of the transaction would go to witness's pocket.

Mr. Crow submitted to the witness that his story was fabrication and that he ordered the cylinders to be taken to defendant's shop because he wanted to take them out of the godown. The witness would go later to defendant and take back the cylinders on the excuse that they had gone to a wrong destination.

Daniel Jesus denied that that was his intention. His Worship, however, considered there was no evidence and discharged defendant.

On the application of the prosecution, the first charge against Daniel Jesus was withdrawn.

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Hongkong, 6th December, 1921.

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## SHIPPING LAWS.

**YANGTZE VESSEL FOR REPAIR.**  
The Ichang-Chungking S. Robert Dollar II has arrived at Shanghai for repairs.

## NEW YANGTZE LINE.

The China Steamship Company promoted by Wang Chin-chuan and others for the establishment of a line between Shanghai and Wanchow and another between Shanghai and the Yangtze ports

has established its Preparation Bureau in Shanghai. One half of the capital of the company will be raised by the Wanchow Chamber of Commerce, and the other half, it is hoped, by the public. The boats of the company will ply along the following routes:—From Shanghai to Wanchow; from Shanghai to Wanchow (including Hsinhwa); from Shanghai to Hankow; and from Shanghai to Ichang, and thence to Chungking.

## CONSIGNEES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## THE BEN LINE STEAMERS LIMITED.

From ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND STRAITS.  
The Steamship  
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Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 16th inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by

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Hongkong, 2nd Nov., 1921.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## THE BEN LINE STEAMERS LIMITED.

The Steamship  
"BENDORAN"

From ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO, LONDON & STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 19th inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th inst. at 10 a.m.

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## SUNDAY'S BAZAAR AND FETE.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul begs to return thanks for the following gifts received within the last few days:—Mr. Tong Yat Chun, biscuits; Messrs. M. Y. San, candles; Unknown sender, one set baby's knitted dress; St. Mary's School, Kowloon, 50 articles of needlework; Mother Superior, St. Paul's Institution, 33 articles of needlework; Madame Flint, embroideries etc.; Mons. Mandin, various gifts; Mrs. J. J. dos Remedios, large doll house; Mrs. J. F. E. da Silva, 2 bead bags; Mrs. M. A. Gutierrez and the Misses Gutierrez, lacquer trays and silver penholders; Mrs. A. F. Osmund, 8 knitted dresses;

es; Messrs. Pohomull Bros., silk jewel case; Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, games & toys; Messrs. Brewer Co., candies; King Edward Hotel, cakes and sandwiches; Hongkong Hotel, cakes and sandwiches; Mrs. Boulger, fancy articles; Miss Violet Tsan, 2 fancy hand bags; The Sun Co., tricycle; Mrs. F. V. Van den Berg, cakes; Mrs. G. M. Gutierrez, cakes; Mrs. M. P. da Luz, cake.

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Goods not cleared by the 13th Dec., 1921 will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th Dec., 1921, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

A General Average having been declared on this ship, consignees are required to sign an Average Agreement and pay a deposit of 1% of the value of the goods before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

Valuation forms can be obtained from the undersigned.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by

**JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.**

General Agents.

Hongkong, 5th Dec., 1921.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## THE STEAMSHIP "NIPPON"

From TRIESTE, VENICE, PORT SAID, ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence, and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 30th Nov.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 16th inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th inst. at 10 a.m.

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From EUROPE & STRAITS.

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having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon Today.

Goods not cleared by the 13th Dec., 1921, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co's representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

**NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.**  
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Hongkong, 5th Dec., 1921.

## GOLF.

## The Jasper Clark Cup.

The "Jasper Clark Cup" competition was played for over Fanning golf course last Sunday, the conditions being 36 holes, medal play from scratch. The following were the scores returned:

(Winner)  
A. B. Stewart..... 77 & 91—168

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**NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.**  
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Hongkong, 5th Dec., 1921.

**STEALING CHEQUES.**

**Houseboy Convicted.**

"Had it not been for your past good character I would have given you six months on each count," said Mr. E. B. Lindsell yesterday when he convicted a houseboy employed by Mr. Albert M. Jacobs, Manager of Davis and Company.

Defendant was charged with the theft of three blank cheques and with attempting to obtain \$193 from the International Banking Corporation by false pretences. It was alleged that defendant stole the cheques from Mr. Jacobs' drawer, during the latter's absence, and forged Mr. Jacobs' name on one of them which he presented at the International Banking Corporation. It was dishonoured.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada, defending, pleaded guilty, and asked for lenience in view of defendant's hitherto unblemished character.

Mr. d'Almada produced a number of testimonials in favour of his client.

His Worship sentenced defendant to four weeks' hard labour on the first charge two months on the second, the sentences to run consecutively.

## CHINESE SEAMEN'S WAGES.

## Union Wants Open Dealing.

The application of the Chinese Seamen's Union for a 30 per cent increase of wages for members whose monthly salaries exceed \$30 and 49 per cent for those who earn less than that amount has so far been favoured with but one reply. This is from the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company and contains nothing but a promise of earnest attention.

We were yesterday informed by the Union that they intend to organise a mass meeting to take place shortly in the City Hall, subject to the permission of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and his acceptance of an invitation to be present. The object of the meeting is to enable the Union to disclose to the public the reasons for the application and also to ascertain the views of the shipping companies concerned with regard to the wages of Chinese crews in their employ.

To this end an invitation will be extended to all shipping companies. The meeting, if held, is considered by the Union to be a better means of settling the wage question than such negotiations and arbitration as are peculiar to matters of this description.

"We want to deal with the shipping companies in good faith," declared the Chairman of the Chinese Seamen's Union, "and it is for this reason that we have planned this meeting. If held, the meeting will enable both employers and employees to understand each other better.

This means is better appreciated by members than negotiations conducted by a few representatives from which their presence will be precluded. We keep no secret from our employers; in fact we like them, and incidentally we want the general public to know exactly how we stand as regards our monthly incomes and expenditure. We want to be frank and open with our employers and to be rational in our demands, and we hope our employers will be likewise."

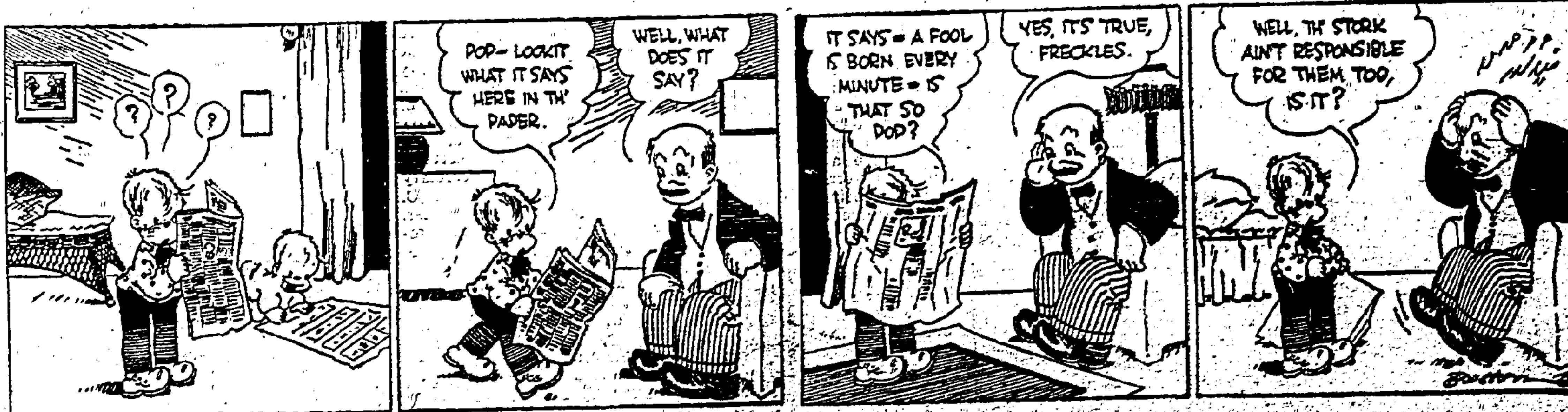
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## ON THE WATERFRONT.

## A Clever Bit of Navigation.

A fine bit of navigation was carried out by Captain George W. Yardley of the Golden State yesterday afternoon when the vessel was ordered to proceed into quarantine. The steamer had to move from A3 buoy and to turn her there would have been attended with some risk. Captain Yardley decided to back her down the harbour and did so, the vessel travelling at quite a fair speed. Shipping men speak of this as a particularly clever piece of work.

## Nanking Arrives.

The China Mail steamer Nanking arrived to-day from Singapore, which she left on December 1, with 35 first-class, 10 second class and 689 steerage passengers. She carried a lot of cargo. The Nille is due from the same port on Thursday morning.

## Korea Maru Passengers.

Travelling by the T. K. K. Korea Maru, which leaves to-morrow, are, amongst others: Mr. F. B. Marshall, of Messrs. Tait & Co., tea exporters of Amoy and Formosa, who is travelling to Keelung.

Miss E. I. Ward of Massachusetts, who attended the recent Press Conference at Honolulu and has since paid a visit to the Far East.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Currie who returning to San Francisco.

## Golden State Passengers.

Mrs. C. Phipps, of the Standard Oil Co., Hongkong, and Miss Charman Phipps, Mr. F. L. Reed of the same company, and Mr. R. J. Weir of Davis Company Ltd., and Mrs. Weir were passengers by the Golden State. Passing through on the vessel are: Mrs. Ruby Guertin and her daughter; Mrs. Guertin is the wife of the chief of the secret service in Manila; Mr. J. E. Dye, chief manager of the Manila branch of Messrs. Thomas Cook and Sons, who is going to Tientsin; Mrs. N. Farnsworth and Miss M. Weston, who are completing a tour of the world.

Mrs. Leonard Wood, wife of the new Governor-General of the Philippines, and her daughter were passengers for Manila on board the Golden State.

Another passenger by the Golden State, who is, of course, still on board, is Mrs. Acton wife of Mr. R. D. Acton, attorney-general at Singapore.

## Japanese Shipbuilding.

Three new ships of 1,000 tons and upward were built in Japan during October, of a total tonnage of 3,750 tons. The figures show a decrease of three in numbers and 14,150 in tonnage as against launches during the same month last year. During the first ten months of the present year 38 ships with 198,915 tons were constructed in Japan. This indicates a big drop as compared with the same period of last year. The decrease is 46 in the number of vessels and 177,645 in tonnage.

## New N.Y.K. Vessel.

The New N.Y.K. vessel, the Hakone Maru, is due here on Thursday morning. She is carrying many leading Japanese on this, her first trip, including Prince Kitashirakawa, Princess Shimazu and Marquis and Marchioness Tokugawa. The new vessel which is of 10,000 tons gross, has accommodation for 120 first-class, 56 second-class and 180 third-class passengers. She is equipped with double reduction engines which are said to lessen the rolling and pitching of vessels. She is expected to develop a speed of sixteen knots.

## Cargo.

The Golden State brought 12,630 packages, measuring 800 tons, of cargo to Hongkong. Most of this was canned goods and included 4,000 packages of milk, 3,000 packages of pearl barley, 800 packages of chorizo oil and asphalt. The vessel also brought 401 bars of silver and 17 boxes of gold coins.

## Harbour Offences.

In the Marine Court this morning Lieutenant Conway Hake, R.N.R., imposed fines amounting in all to \$65. The boatswain of a cooling boat was charged with anchoring yesterday within 30 yards of the Golden State, then being an infected vessel, without the written permission of the Port Health Officer. He was fined \$5, the alternative being 7 days' imprisonment with hard labour. The mistresses of six other boats were fined \$10 each, with the alternative of 14 days' imprisonment with hard labour, for going along-side the Horg Wah before the vessel had been examined by a police officer yesterday.

## AN ARTFUL DODGER.

## And a Detective Porter.

An elusive crook, an amateur detective and a stupid faki were the central characters in an interesting story related at the Magistracy this morning, when Kang Chan-ki, said to be an ex-employee of the Sun Company, was charged with the larceny of a pair of Chinese shoes from a shop in Queen's Road Central.

It appears from the evidence, that the larceny was brought about by a trick, which defendant is said to have practised on a number of shops. Yesterday, it was said that he visited a shoe-maker's shop on Queen's Road Central, and carefully examined several pairs of shoes. He eventually selected a pair and was told by the shop-keeper that the price was \$3.10. Defendant announced that he had brought less money than that and he requested that a "small boy" might be sent along with the pair of shoes to collect the money to which the shop-keeper without suspicion, agreed. The "small boy" was taken to the main entrance of the Chinese Club in Queen's Road Central. Here he was induced to part with the pair of shoes and Kang went up the staircase. But he was a long time in returning with the money in fact he might never have returned at all had it not been for the watchfulness of a porter of the Club.

From the evidence of the porter it seemed that in the course of the previous week he saw Kang make frequent use of the staircase which communicated with a back door giving out on Stanley Street. It was a short cut for anyone desiring to go into Stanley Street from Queen's Road, and witness thought that that was Kang's reason for going in until the regularity of his appearance aroused suspicion. Thinking, however, that Kang might be a member of the Club, he had asked no question, but decided to do a little bit of detective work on the sly.

The result of this was that he followed Kang when he returned up with the shoes and in Pottinger Street had him detained while he sent a faki to look for the small boy who was waiting at the staircase for Kang's return. Witness went on to describe how on the previous Sunday he had followed Kang and was the witness of a similar trick the latter practised on another boy from a hat maker's shop.

Defendant was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

## GOLF.

## Captain's Cup.

The following are the scores for the above Cup played over the Old Course, Fanling, during the last week-end.

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Mr. H. Scott	87	12	=	75
Mr. R. Appel	85	10	=	75
Mr. A. B. R. Roworth	87	11	=	76
Mr. Col. J. R. Wyndham	94	18	=	79
Mr. H. M. Ireland	85	8	=	77
Mr. R. Melville Smith	78	Scratch	=	78
Mr. J. M. Dodginton	93	15	=	78
Mr. C. C. Stark	90	11	=	79
Mr. J. D. Kincaid	87	7	=	80
Mr. R. E. O. Bird	97	16	=	81
Major H. G. Bagnall	80	1	=	81

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## YELLOW RIVER BRIDGE.

## British Interests Associated In Important Work.

Further information is now available as to the competitive design and tender for the Yellow River Bridge, which was awarded to a Belgian combination made up of the Societe d'Etudes et de Construction, the Societe Belge de Chemin de fer en Chine, and the Compagnie Generale de Chemin de fer et de Tramways en Chine. Of these companies the two latter are well known in China; for purpose of the Bridge the first-mentioned is the active members, and the work of preparing the design and estimates was in its hands.

The Societe d'Etudes et de Construction was formerly known as the Societe Anglo-Belge de Construction and is a subsidiary combination between Messrs. S. Pearson and Son (Contracting Department) Limited, of London, the well-known Contractors for Public Works and the Compagnie Belge de Chemin de fer et d'Entreprises de Brussels (formerly Compagnie Generale de Chemin de fer Secondaires) a well-known firm in Railway Engineering.

Two designs, and tenders were prepared in mutual consultation, one by each of the above firms; that of the large spans by the Compagnie Secondaires known as "A" design, and a more economic design with more moderate spans known as "B" design by Messrs. Pearson. It is to the latter design that the first place has been awarded.

The Consulting Engineers for the project sent in by the combination were Sir Ernest Moir, Bart., of Forth railway, M. Clavier, Grand Gardien de l'Ordre de Double Dragon de Chine, who built the existing bridge over the Yellow River, and Mr. T. J. Bourne, C.E., who for over 30 years has been associated with Chinese Railways, who built the Hwai Bridge at Peking, and was in charge of the designs for Messrs. Pearson. The firm of Pearson is known to the Chinese as the Ta Cheng Kang Sun.

It will be of interest to our English readers to know that British interests are associated with this with this new and important work.

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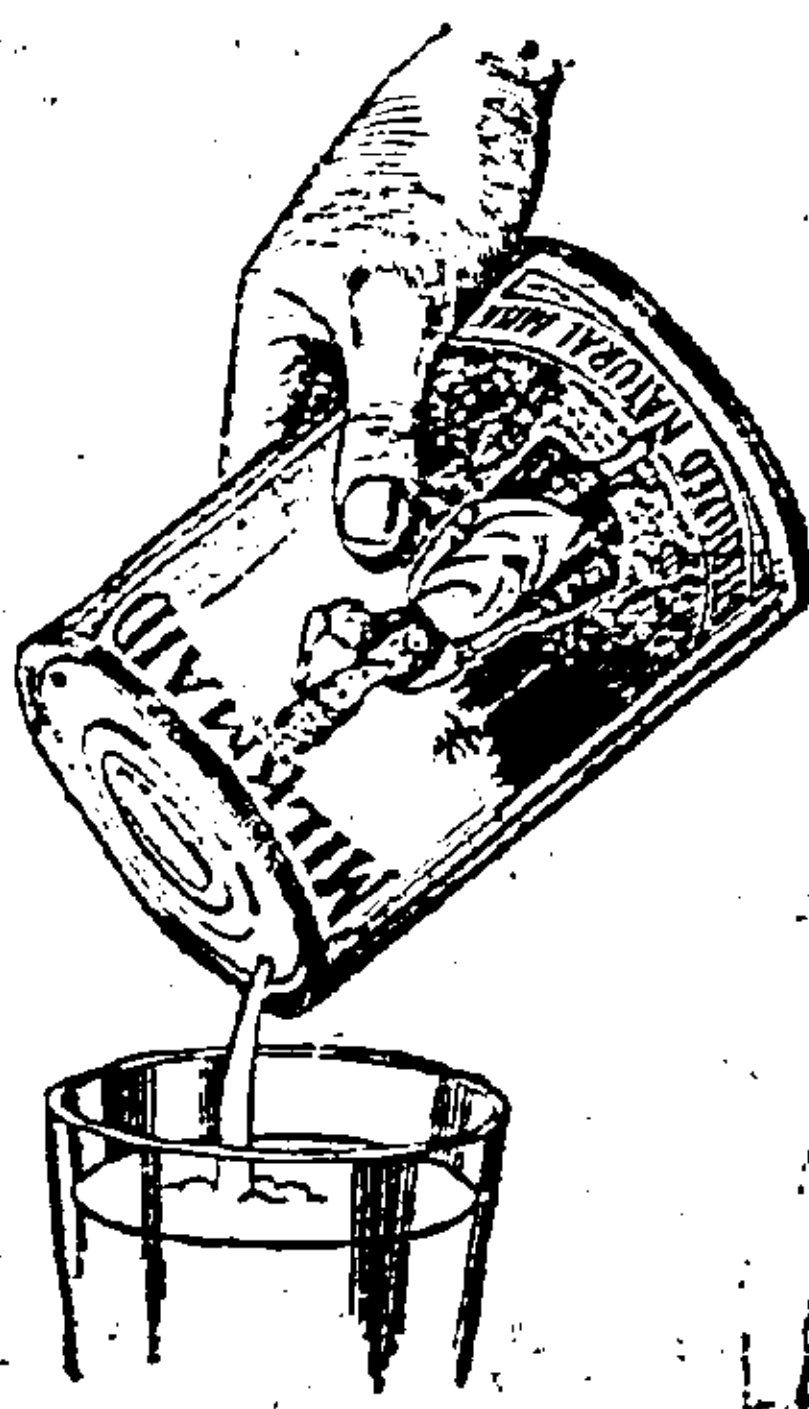
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Reporting the death from small-pox of Mr. F. J. Awdry, who was for a little while on the staff of the Hongkong Telegraph, the N.C.D. News says:—

Mr. Awdry arrived in Shanghai on October 15. On November 18 he was taken ill and admitted to the Isolation Hospital the following day. The patient made fair progress, but his heart suddenly gave out during Sunday night. The deceased, who was in his 26th year, was born in Wellington,

New Zealand, and began his career as a journalist on the staff of The Dominion. During the war he served with the Australasian Forces, being a Lieutenant in the New Zealand Infantry. When the armistice was declared he sought experience of American journalism and, after serving on the editorial staff of the San Francisco Journal of Commerce, did relief duty as editor of a weekly paper. On his way back to Australia, Mr. Awdry took advantage of the opportunity to tour the Far East and India. He was appointed to the "Shanghai Sunday Times" in August.

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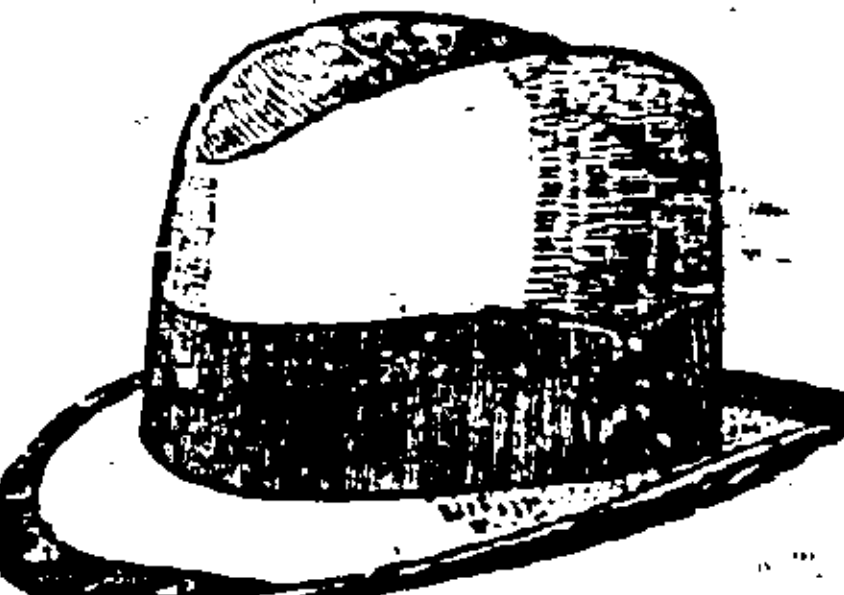
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Miss Clyde Cotton, called America's leading dancer by Mlle. Pavlova, is shown in a remarkable action pose, toe dancing in her bare feet.



Lady Geddes, wife of the British ambassador, was the British hostess at Washington. Since her coming to the embassy in Washington, it is said, she has entertained more lavishly than any member of diplomatic society.



Impressive ceremonies were held in London when General Pershing placed a wreath, as America's mark of honour on the Cenotaph.



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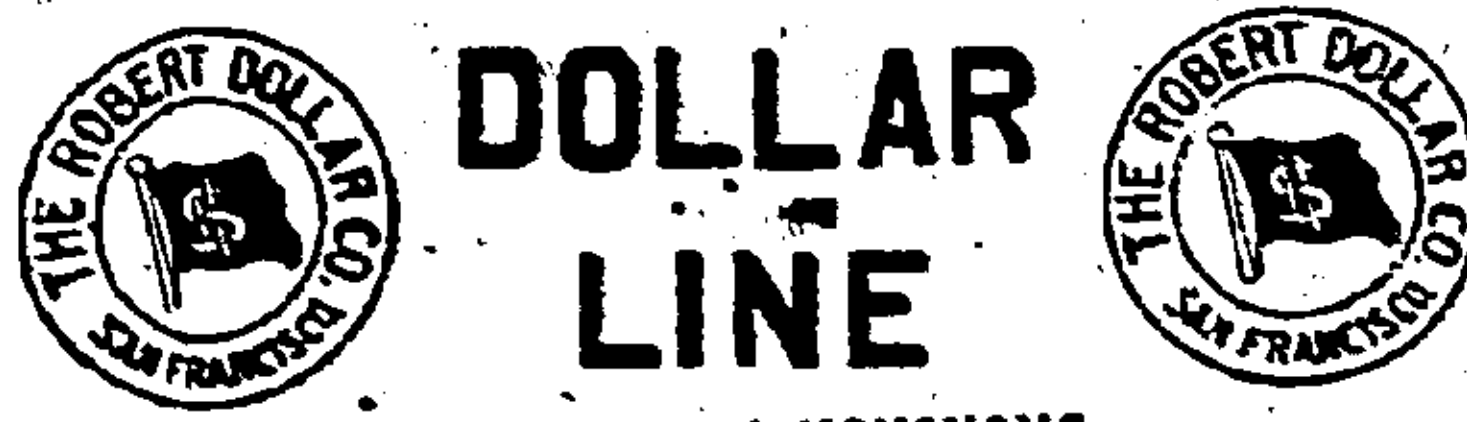
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## COMMERCIAL NEWS.

## CONDITIONS IN THE P.R.

The Russian Echo is responsible for the report, based on private information, that the China Government is endeavouring to negotiate a short term loan with British capitalists, on the security of the railways. From the same source comes news of intensive anarchist propaganda in the Chinese Eastern Railway zone. Committees are being organized and literature freely distributed at all the depot stations, a feature of propaganda among young people being the arrangement of weekly entertainments and dances.

## JAPANESE TEXTILES.

Retailers of Japanese textiles, especially in cities, feel indisposed to purchase, as the season for demand is gone and the cotton yarn market has been kept in suspense since the calamitous end of Mr. Hara, notwithstanding that they should lay in some stocks at this time of the year in preparation for the requirements of farmers after the harvest. Quotations are, accordingly, on the decline, presenting a fall of 6 to 7 per cent. as compared with last month and of 16 to 17 per cent. compared with the corresponding period of last year. It is thought, however, that there will be no big decrease in price unless cotton yarn and silk yarn further decline. Many weavers are reported to have already set to work to weave summer cloth.

## HARBIN EXCHANGE TO BE FOUNDED.

Mr. S. Kozumi, (M.P., a member of the Seiyukai Party, and Director General of the Dairen Sharestock and Merchandise Exchange) has been on a visit to Harbin. He says: The economic importance of Harbin is supported by its being the market for the fertile produce belts surrounding it. Next, the Japanese there are at one, demanding the establishment of an Exchange. Thirdly, the Chinese, too, are in support of the scheme and are hoping earnestly for an early materialization of the project. Then, the Chinese authorities, too, are favourably inclined to the plan. Hitherto, there has been a trust and guaranty company at Fushien (Chinese Quarter of Harbin) capitalized at Y 200,000. The growth of trade has been so rapid as to require a stronger organization to assume the guarantee of the execution of the business deals. Therefore, a new company, with a capital of Y 10,000,000, is to be founded on a joint share stock plan, incorporating the existing company. The Chinese have proposed to subscribe heavily to the new company's shares, and out of altogether 200,000 shares, only 10,000 shares are to be offered for public subscription.

## WELL HIT!

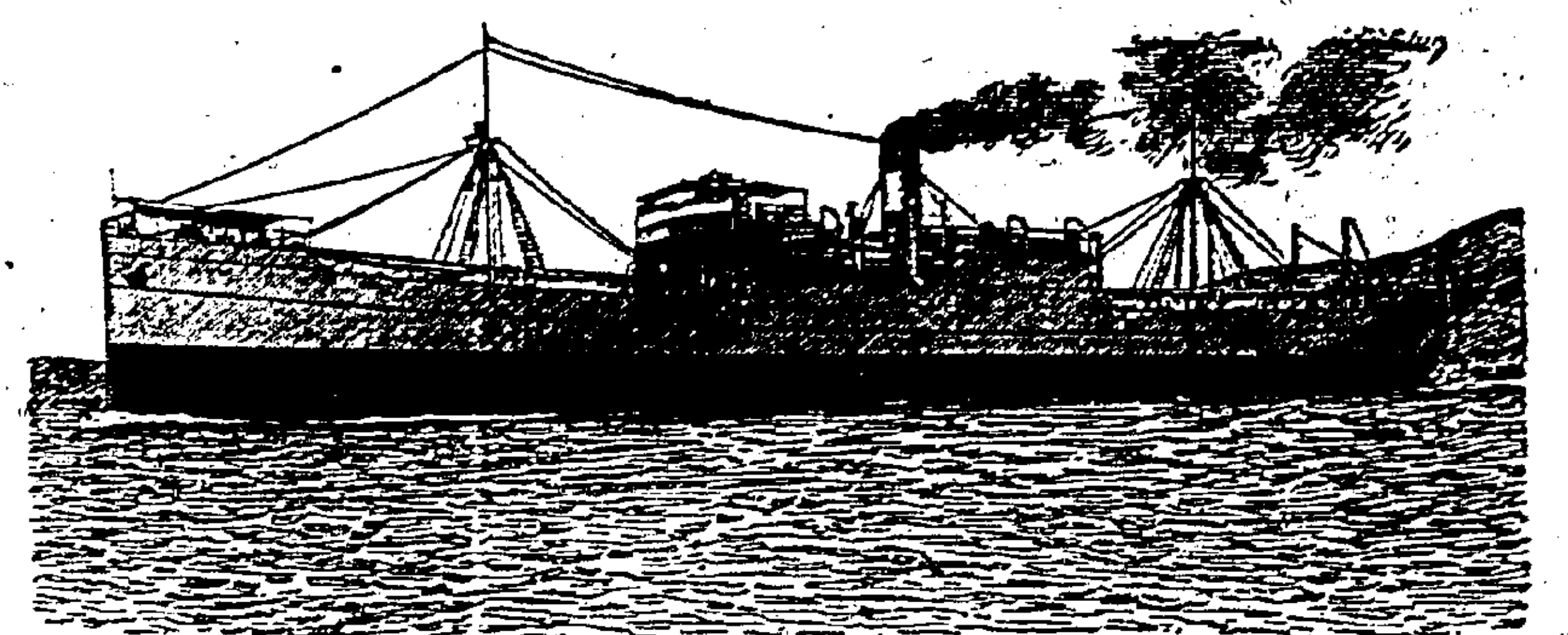
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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Washington, Dec. 5.

A deputation from the Far Eastern Republic has arrived in order to request the powers to insist on the immediate withdrawal of the Japanese from Siberia. The delegates say that the other objects are to open trade relations with foreign countries and to secure recognition of the Chita administration.

## THE CONSORTIUM AND CHINA.

Washington, Dec. 5.

The American group of the Chinese Consortium disavows any intention of monopolising Chinese enterprise. It says the object is not primarily profit, but to co-operate with and support policies benefiting China. The Consortium refused to consider any loans except the requirements of the federal and provincial governments for construction purposes.

## THE RUSSIAN FAMINE.

London, Dec. 5.

M. Krassin, in a speech at Oxford, said the number of Russians affected by famine was 37,000,000, of whom 21,000,000, including 8,000,000 children were facing starvation. M. Krassin attributed the famine on the Volga to military invasions financed by the Entente, followed by years of drought. Relief ought to be rendered by an international loan, which Russia was unable to organise owing to the Entente withholding recognition of the Soviet.

## THE ARBUCKLE TRIAL.

San Francisco, Dec. 5.

It is understood that the final ballot of the jury in the Arbuckle case showed ten-jurymen in favour of acquittal.

## AUSTRIANS IN THE BURGENLAND.

Vienna, Dec. 5.

Austria's military occupation of the Burgenland is completed.

## EXCHANGE.

(Opening Rate: closing Rate on Page 11.)

## SELLING.

1/1 T Shanghai	2/7 1/2
Demand	2/7 3/4
30 d/s	
4 m/s	2/8
1/1 T Japan	Nom.
1/1 T Singapore	113
1/1 T India	111
Demand, India	198
1/1 T San Francisco	53
1/1 T Java	151
1/1 T Marks	Nom.
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Demand, Paris	

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4 m/s. L/C	2/9 1/4
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10 d/s. San Francisco & New York	56

1 m/s. Marks	Nom.
1 m/s. France	7.90
5 m/s. France	8.10

Demand, Germany	53 1/2
Demand, New York	53 1/2
1/1 T Bombay	Nom.
Demand, Bombay	198
1/1 T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	198
On Yokohama	111
Demand, Manila	114
Demand, Singapore	113
Demand, Batavia	151
On Haiphong	Nom.
On Saigon	79 1/4
On Bangkok	Nom.
On London	Nom.
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New York/London	4.05 1/4

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Taichongung, from Shanghai.  
Liyongsi Yeecheong Doner Road, from Yokohama.  
Shuenfat, from Shanghai.  
Wahing, from Shanghai.

T. KRING,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, Dec. 1, 1921.

## TIDE TABLE.

5th to 11th Dec. 1921.

Day	High Water	Low Water	Day	High Water	Low Water
Mon. 5	3 15a	4 7	Mon. 11	3 15a	4 7
Tues. 6	0 1	6 5	Tues. 12	0 1	6 5
Wed. 7	0 35	5 0	Wed. 13	0 35	5 0
Thurs. 8	5 25	5 1	Thurs. 14	5 25	5 1
Fri. 9	5 35	5 1	Fri. 15	5 35	5 1
Sat. 10	5 11	4 9	Sat. 16	5 11	4 9
Sun. 11	6 11a	6 1	Sun. 17	6 11a	6 1

u morning; a afternoon

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## WEATHER REPORT.

Dec. 6d. 11h. 43m.—Pressure has increased considerably over N.E. Japan. It has decreased moderately from Weihaiwei to Shanghai, and slightly from Formosa to Haiphong.

The anticyclone has weakened considerably and moved eastward. It is now central to the East of Korea.

Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China, and over the China Sea.

The Guam typhoon is curving north-eastward. At 6 a.m. this morning it was in about latitude 15° N. and longitude 143° E.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.04 inches. Total since January 1st, 97.20 inches, against an average of 82.16 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.  
N.E. winds, moderate; overcast; at first, fine later.

Hongkong to Gap Rock

## METEOROLOGICAL.

Barometer	Temperature	Humidity	Wind Force	Weather	Rain	Highest open air	Lowest open air	Temperature on the 5th	Temperature on the 6th
30.13	70	54	3	b	0.00	open	open	30.14	30.09
30.14	63	77	2	b	0.00	air	air	30.14	30.09
30.14	63	77	2	b	0.00	air	air	30.14	30.09
30.14	63	77	2	b	0.00	air	air	30.14	30.09
30.14	63	77	2	b	0.00	air	air	30.14	30.09
30.14	63	77	2	b	0.00	air	air	30.14	30.09
30.14	63	77	2	b	0.00	air	air	30.14	30.09
30.14	63	77	2	b	0.00	air	air	30.14	30.09
30.14	63	77	2	b	0.00	air	air	30.14	30.09
30.14	63	77	2	b	0.00	air	air	30.14	30.09

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

H. K. Observatory, Dec. 6.

Formosa Channel

N.E. winds, strong.

3 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamocka.

The same as No. 1.

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The same as No. 1.

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